# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:21
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
HARASSMENT OF INDIAN DIPLOMATS
AKHILESH SINGH;ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the harassment and expulsion of Indian diplomats from Pakistan ; (

(b) if so, the number of cases which has come to light during the current year, till date; (

(c) whether such harassment has been meted out to Indian officials in various other countries also; (

(d) if so, the details in this regard, country-wise; and (

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the safeguard and non-recurrence of such violations of bilateral code of conduct?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE ANSWER TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 T ANSWERED ON 19.02.2003

Government are aware of incidents of harassment and expulsion of Indian diplomats in Pakistan. There have been 11 incidents of harassment and 9 cases of expulsion of Indian officials including, Indian Charge d` Affaires, by Pakistan during the year.

No such cases of harassment of Indian officials in other countries have come to the notice of Government.

Under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 and the bilateral `Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/ Consular Personnel in India and Pakistan` signed by the two countries in 1992, the responsibility for the safety and security of personnel of High Commission rests with the host Government. Government of India lodges strong proteststo Government of Pakistan against all cases of harassment of officials of Indian High Commission in Islamabad and reminds them of their obligations under the Vienna Convention and bilateral Code of Conduct. Government remains committed to taking all necessary measures for the safety and security of the personnel in Indian Missions abroad.